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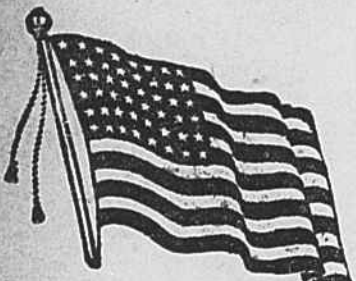
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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

NEW POLICY TOWARD MEXICO.

FROM a purely military standpoint yesterday morning's impetuous sortie across the Mexican border at El Paso does not amount to much, but it is the first tangible result of a new policy which the American government has adopted toward Mexico, and it probably will have much the same startling effect upon the lawless element in Mexico that the breaking out of the war in Europe had upon the whole world.

For months the War department has been preparing to deal with the Mexican situation in precisely the way the attack upon Juarez was handled the minute it became a menace to life and property on our side of the line. Yesterday The West Virginian printed a map drawn from data supplied by the War department showing a string of new army posts extending from the gulf to the broad Pacific. Every one of those posts will hold a body of troops ready to invade Mexico the instant the Mexican government proves that it is not able to protect American interests.

Villa used to operate close to the border because he felt that in this way he could foment bad feeling which would help his own cause. His daring raid into this country which led to his being pursued by United States troops resulted precisely as he expected it would. But it won't work that way now. The Mexican government probably is as touchy about national honor as ever it was, but it is no longer of the opinion that it can afford to stand on that when it is palpably unable to protect either its own or American interests. The only disquieting element in an otherwise satisfactory situation is the possibility that the Mexican policy will again become a football of politics.

POSSIBLE BREAK IN SOLID SOUTH.

SINCE the Civil War there has been no political party of national scope in this country. The solid south prevented, and that has been a pernicious influence in the politics of the country, doing a great deal of harm to both parties and the national interest.

It has always been the hope of students of American political conditions, therefore, that something would happen to break this bloc. It is the belief that if one state could be induced to break out of the half century old alignment enough of the others would follow suit to force a complete revision of policy toward the south in both old parties. There was a time when some optimistic souls hoped that Louisiana would swing into the Republican column because of the protective tariff views of the sugar planters and all others who depend upon the sugar industry for a livelihood. But that prospect was shattered when the

political machinery of the state fell into the hands of a band of demagogues led by former Senator Vardaman. Then for a time after Wilson was elected the first time there was a possibility that a quarrel over control of the national administration would cause such a split in the ranks of the southern Democracy as would permit one or two of the southern states to come over. Two things, both of them rather unexpected, helped to avert that danger to the Democracy and to prevent the political atmosphere from becoming cleared to the ultimate benefit of the whole nation. One of these was the fact that President Wilson turned the whole administration over to the southerners and provided them with so much patronage and influence that there was enough to go around—for the time. And the other was that before the faction in control could become dissatisfied with the spoils to the point of being willing to fight among themselves for more, regardless of the consequences, the war came on.

But hope of breaking the solid south is again springing up in the minds of the politically alert and the National Republican in its issue of last week prints a dispatch from St. Augustine which says that the Republicans of Florida really believe they can carry the state in 1920. A full Republican ticket will be placed in the field and a vigorous fight will be made all along the line. The reason for this situation is explained by H. L. Anderson, Florida member of the Republican National committee, who is quoted at some length in the dispatch. Mr. Anderson says:

Thousands of men in Florida, although they have always voted the Democratic ticket, are now saying openly that they will never vote it again. No such talk was ever heard in Florida. The inefficiency of the administration, the incompetence of congress, the obvious drift of leading Democrats toward socialism, waste of public money and the back-breaking taxation have brought about this disaffection.

There is scarcely such a thing left in Florida as the Democratic party. It has degenerated into a band of selfish politicians rallying for personal profit. In Florida we have Fletchertites, Trammellites and Cattillites, followers of Senators Fletcher and Trammel and Gov. Catta, but we no longer have a Democratic party. There is no fixed policy or principles. There hasn't been a party platform is the state for ten years. The people are taxed like peons, and the carpet bag era looks like the golden age compared to what Florida suffers from.

That condition is common enough in the south, and the only reason the people have not revolted against it is that the Republican party as it is organized in the south could not stand the test on the many angled race question. Committee man Anderson realizes this, for in another part of the interview in the National Republican he says quite frankly, "but there is a big task for the Republican National committee to do if we are to win Florida next year. The spoils system has got to go. Dead wood must be cut out. The half caste character of the organization must be purified. Let the Republican National committee actually nationalize the party in this state."

That is to say there is every prospect that Florida will swing into the Republican party next year if steps are taken to safeguard the party organization there from the quadrennial scramble for power in the Republican National convention. And it ought to be done. The interest of the whole party and of the nation are infinitely superior to the interest of any candidate however important the followers of that candidate may deem him to be. The Hitchcocks ought to be kept out of the whole south this time, by the threat of having their personally conducted and party wrecking delegations thrown out bodily if need be.

Yesterday the Ohio legislature ratified the suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, and immediately afterward a bill giving women the right to vote for president even if the amendment is not in effect, was taken up. This probably will bring to an end the fight over the suffrage question in the Buckeye state, where two years ago, after the legislature had passed by an overwhelming vote a bill granting presidential suffrage it was even more emphatically voted down by the people at a referendum election. However, at that election the contest was complicated by the fight over state wide prohibition, which the wets subsequently lost even though they did prevent the women form becoming a direct factor in the politics of the state.

Immediately after the adoption by the senate of the suffrage amendment resolution a movement was started in Pennsylvania to have that state lead in the ratification. Six states already have ratified, but nothing has been done one way or the other at Harrisburg. Yet there probably are plenty of men in the Pennsylvania legislature who think the Peace congress is slow.

The pursuit of the Villa forces has been dropped, but it is noted in the dispatches from the border that their headquarters has been moved a considerable distance into the interior.

Because they remarked that the time allotted to them for a reply is short the reporters at Versailles infer the Germans mean to ask for an extension. There will be great dissatisfaction throughout the allied world if they get it. Great enterprises and the welfare of millions of people hinge upon the settlement of questions that will remain open as long as the peace is unsigned. The Germans have been treated with much more consideration than they would have shown their foe had the war resulted the other way and they should be held to the scratch now, as much for their own benefit as for ours.

Bonar Law, spokesman in the House of Commons for the British government, said yesterday that the British chief of staff is authority for the statement that 23 different wars are now going on throughout the world. But most of them would cease if the big war were brought to a definitive conclusion.

Editorial Comment

on Current Subjects

OUR STATE UNIVERSITY.

From the Wheeling Intelligencer.
West Virginia university, in this week celebrating her semi-centennial in connection with the annual commencement exercises. The actual half century mark was reached in 1917, but the observance was postponed on account of the war. Founded in 1887, the record of our state university has been one of steady growth and of consistent efficiency. Today it is recognized as standing in the front rank of the country's educational institutions. The best testimonials for a college are those given by the relatives and employers of graduates, and by this standard West Virginia university holds a proud position. From this source West Virginia's great institution is given the reputation of thorough work, which is the best that any college can have. Without undue severity, the work of fitting young men and women for the problems of life is carried out with insistence upon the very best work of every student. Any one who has graduated at West Virginia has done something to earn his diploma.

The drawing power of the university is now stronger and exerted upon a broader scale than ever before. Every county in West Virginia is represented among its 1,351 students, and 13 other states of the Union, the District of Columbia, Porto Rico, Japan and France. The officials of the institution, as well as state officials, have never been satisfied to let the university rest on its laurels. The policy for the entire half century has been to go on from one success to another, and then to still greater ones.

At the present time President Trotter is especially active in fostering the idea of a close connection between the university and the high schools of the state. He has personally visited more than half the high schools in the state during the last year, and has endeavored to build the schools of the state from the ground up, starting with the rural and grade schools and continuing without a break, up to the state university. In addition, close contact is being established between the university and all parts of the state through the extension work, which includes agricultural, mining, historical and other lines. The Intelligencer takes pleasure, upon this auspicious occasion, in extending to West Virginia university its heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES

By th Bard.

Tenshuni!

Play this on your shoe horn:
Ch Frenchy, Underneath the Stars I Hear You Calling Me to the Darktown Strutters Ball 'N Everything but I'm My Mammy's Angel Child and after the Ball is Over Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning. So this time won't you please Excuse Me but Some Other Time I'll go Ramin' The Scale for After the First of July—Good-by Wild Women Goodby! Parade Rest!

If the bachelor's button is the flower for July why should Walter Corbin have been born in January?

Present Arms!

The Girl in the Office
That demure little miss,
Came in later than usual,
And relieved her of this:
"Joe Hartley to be, he, he—Joe Hartley said last night, that one time when he was with a party of French girls in a restaurant he felt de trop, but I suppose he was too nice to scratch in their presence and the sensation must have been terrible."
Ground Arms!

If this man Villa carries life insurance I suggest his wife as a prospect to salesmen of wildcat oil stocks.

Squads Right!

How to Get Rich:
Get a job as conductor on the M. V. T.
Rob a bank.
Invest a million at ten percent.
Marry a Vanderbilt.
Operate a printing press and make it yourself.
Patent a real substitute for hard liquor.
Get by the cops between here and Pennsylvania.
Locate a gold brick market.
Keep away from the women.
Mark Time!

I never saw an idiot plant,
I hope I never see one.
But judging from some laws we have I know that there must be one.

All Hands on Deck!

THE DIARY OF AN AMAZING ADVENTURE

By Prof. I. Lyly Kell
June 17, 3000—My lot fortune that I remembered the thing known as water. It serves wonderfully and the Ozone Cab is now well along the journey to Saturn. We started on scheduled taking advantage of the twenty-fifth hour which proved most valuable as an aid to rapid transit.

To those who do not know about the twenty-fifth hour let it be explained that in our researches I discovered that during the early twentieth century much time was wasted by man throughout each twenty-four hour day. Almost without reason or knowledge man habitually procrastinated. Early literature quotes frequently the statements, "I'll do it tomorrow" and "In just a minute" and "as soon as I can" and "next week I'll pay it" and "never mind, there's no hurry about it" and "take your time" which may be considered seriously as evidence that this grievous habit of time wastage did exist.

The matter called for my deepest research and to my great joy the apparatus I devised for collecting the lost time of earlier days has successfully performed its remarkable function. I now have a vast store of extra time and to use it properly have added it to the customary twenty-four hours and call it the twenty-fifth hour. It especially enables rapid accomplishment thus proving that had not the twen-

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The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action 7; died from wounds 2; died in aeroplane accident 1; died of accident and other causes 11; died of disease 11; wounded severely 40; wounded (degree undetermined) 29; wounded slightly 121; missing in action 1; total 223.

Privates—

Jamieson, Jerome J., Seattle, Wash. Johnson, Thomas E., Westmoreland Co., Va.

Jurewicz, Joseph, Chicago, Ill. Nickell, Morton, Cannel City, Ky. Reynolds, James L., El Reno, Okla. Simmons, Ernest, Sidney, Mont. Vincent, Alvin, Nellisville, Wis.

Died of Wounds,

Salazar, Alfonso, Arroyo Seco, N. Mex. Smith, Hugh C., Middletown, Ohio.

Wounded Degree Undetermined

Privates—

Brannon, Thomas Cooper, Mrs. Virginia Brannon, Glenville, W. Va.

Wounded Slightly,

Privates—

Brammer, Rex A. J. Brammer, R. F. D. 1, Huntington, W. Va.

Commencement at Parochial School

The annual commencement exercises of St. Peter's Parochial School will take place this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Father Boulton will make the address and an interesting program will be carried out in connection with the exercises. A class of thirteen will be graduated. Thursday an outing will be held at Traction park for the pupils of the school and the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella will be the hosts and hostesses on this occasion.

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ATTENDED WINTER FUNERAL:
A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral of Mrs. J. E. Winter, whose death occurred at Cook hospital on Saturday and whose funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her father John Nixon at Eldora. Interment was made in the cemetery at Eldora by Undertaker R. C. Jones.



The section crew knew what to do when time rolls 'round for lunch. They're full of fun. For Golden Sun makes them a happy bunch. 31



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RUFF STUFF

Old Jess Willard seems to have taken over the sport writers in a bunch.

First thing he knows the other guy in the coming fight will have to hire a press agent so that folks won't forget him.

But it isn't the pug that gets the most space in the papers that wins the mill.

According to reports on the street seven guys put up five buck for fella when that poker game at South Side park was broken up Sunday.

Only three turned in.

Has any one invented a pocket cash register for police department use?

Probably not.

Would not be much demand for it.

Fairmont's the only town that would

stand for that kind of work.

And while we are on the subject we might mention that there was a game going on under the grand stand at the same time.

Cops never got near that.

But perhaps the stench from the open sewer under the stand had something to do with that.

Dispatch from Mexico says General Angeles was very much disappointed over the crossing of the border by the American troops.

And he's not the only Mex irregular who feels bad about it.

Six states have ratified the suffrage amendment.

Sweet young things being turned out of the colleges this year will make no mistake if they specialize for a few months in practical politics.

There is going to be a big demand for women campaign workers about this time next year.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY

The declaration made by the second Wheeling convention on June 17, 1861, was signed by fifty-six men and John Carlile of Harrison county, remarked that the vote exhibited a happy coincidence: "We have," he said, "fifty-six votes recorded in favor of our Declaration, and we may remember that there were just fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence." (Great applause and feeling throughout the hall.) The item in parenthesis is from the minutes of the convention and is not an observance of the later historians based on events that followed.

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